

By Senator Altman

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1                   A bill to be entitled  
2           An act relating to delivery vehicles; amending s.  
3           316.2126, F.S.; defining the term "seasonal delivery  
4           personnel"; authorizing the use of golf carts,  
5           modified carts, low-speed vehicles, and utility  
6           vehicles by seasonal delivery personnel during a  
7           certain timeframe; providing an effective date.

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9   Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:

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11           Section 1. Section 316.2126, Florida Statutes, is amended  
12           to read:

13           316.2126 Authorized use of golf carts, modified carts, low-  
14           speed vehicles, and utility vehicles ~~by municipalities and state~~  
15           ~~employees, state park volunteers, and state park visitors.-~~

16           (1) In addition to the powers granted by ss. 316.212 and  
17           316.2125, municipalities are authorized to utilize golf carts  
18           and utility vehicles, as defined in s. 320.01, upon any state,  
19           county, or municipal roads located within the corporate limits  
20           of such municipalities, subject to the following conditions:

21           (a) Golf carts and utility vehicles must comply with the  
22           operational and safety requirements in ss. 316.212 and 316.2125,  
23           and with any more restrictive ordinances enacted by the local  
24           governmental entity pursuant to s. 316.212(8), and shall be  
25           operated only by municipal employees for municipal purposes,  
26           including, but not limited to, police patrol, traffic  
27           enforcement, and inspection of public facilities.

28           (b) In addition to the safety equipment required in s.  
29           316.212(6) and any more restrictive safety equipment required by

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30 the local governmental entity pursuant to s. 316.212(8), such  
31 golf carts and utility vehicles must be equipped with sufficient  
32 lighting and turn signal equipment.

33 (c) Golf carts and utility vehicles may be operated only on  
34 state roads that have a posted speed limit of 30 miles per hour  
35 or less.

36 (2) State employees, state park volunteers, and state park  
37 visitors are authorized to use golf carts and utility vehicles,  
38 as defined in s. 320.01, upon any public roads within the  
39 boundaries of state parks managed by the Division of Recreation  
40 and Parks of the Department of Environmental Protection, subject  
41 to the following conditions:

42 (a) Golf carts and utility vehicles must comply with the  
43 operational and safety requirements in s. 316.212.

44 (b) Golf carts and utility vehicles shall be operated only  
45 by state employees and state park volunteers for state purposes  
46 and by state park visitors for uses authorized by the Division  
47 of Recreation and Parks of the Department of Environmental  
48 Protection.

49 (3) (a) As used in this subsection, "seasonal delivery  
50 personnel" means employees of a delivery service when delivering  
51 goods for that service during the time period specified in  
52 paragraph (b).

53 (b) Seasonal delivery personnel are authorized to use golf  
54 carts, modified carts, low-speed vehicles, and utility vehicles  
55 as defined in s. 320.01 upon any public road with a speed limit  
56 of up to 35 miles per hour for the purpose of delivering goods  
57 sent through a delivery service. Such vehicles must be marked in  
58 some manner with the name of the delivery service. A trailer may

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59 be pulled by the vehicle. Vehicles used pursuant to this  
60 subsection may be operated after sunset if, in addition to the  
61 safety requirements in s. 316.212(6), they are equipped with  
62 suitable headlights and tail lights. This authorization applies  
63 to deliveries made from midnight October 15 until midnight  
64 December 31 of each year.

65 (4)~~(3)~~ Anyone operating a golf cart or utility vehicle  
66 pursuant to this section must possess a valid driver's license  
67 as required by s. 322.03.

68 Section 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2009.